

# GAME NOTES

TRIPLE-A AFFILIATE OF THE MINNESOTA TWINS

# ST. PAUL SAINTS (6-11) vs INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS (PIT) (11-5)

RHP GRIFFIN JAX (1-1, 5.40) vs RHP BEAU SUSLER (2-0, 3.55)

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 - 2:05 pm (CT) - St. Paul, MN - CHS Fleld

Game #18 - Home Game #12

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#### 2021 At A Glance

# TODAY'S HEADLINES

#### **AGAINST THE OPPOSITION**

2021 At A GI	ance
Home	4-7
Road	2-4
vs. LHP	
vs. RHP	
Current Streak	
Most Games > .500	0
Most Games < .500	
Overall Series	
Home Series	
Away Series	
Extra Innings	
Shutouts	
Last 5	
Last 10	
Saints Score First	
Oppo. Scores First	
Saints out-hit opp	3-0
Opp. out-hit Saints	2-11
Hits are even	
Day	
Night	5-6
Day of the Week	0.0
Mon	
Tues Wed	
Thurs	
Fri	
Sat	
Sun	
Lead Entering 7th	
Tied Entering 7th	
Trail Entering 7th	
Lead Entering 8th	
Tied Entering 8th	
Trail Entering 8th	
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Tied Entering 9th

Trail Entering 9th.....

That Was Last Night - Jhoan Duran made his Triple-A debut last night, striking out six batters in three innings. Jimmy Kerrigan hit a home run in his second straight game for St. Paul, who didn't get a hit after the third inning last night. The Saints lost their third straight game for the first time this season.

**Today's Game** - St. Paul finishes their 12-game homestand today at 2:05, with Griffin Jax bookending the series. In his first game of the series, he gave up seven earned runs on nine hits, jumping his ERA from 1.80 to 5.40 on the season.

**Keeping it in the Park** - Despite a team ERA of 4.67, the Saints have not been damaged by round-trippers. St. Paul's pitching staff has given up just 11 homers, which is the second-best mark in all of Triple-A, and top in the Triple-A East.

Saints Dig the Long Ball - The Saints' offense has come in bunches through 15 games this season, because nearly half of it has come from home runs. Of the 59 runs that St. Paul has scored this season, 25 (42%) of them have been accounted for by home runs. Brent Rooker, Jimmy Kerrigan and Ryan Jeffers are tied for the team lead in homers.

No Save is Safe - Danny Coulombe recorded the first save of the season for the Saints on May 14th, in the tenth game of the year. The first nine games of the season for St. Paul did not see a save recorded by either team. That is the longest such streak for the Twins' Triple-A affiliate since at least the 2005 season, as far back as minor league stats are available. It still stands as the only save recorded in any game the Saints have played in this season.

Rooker's Good Reads - OF Brent Rooker is currently second in walks in the Triple-A East, drawing 17 this season. He's gotten on base in 13 of the last 14 games, with a on-base percentage of .407 in that stretch. Rooker has two games with three walks this season.

**Trying to get them over and in-** The Saints batters this year have had some issues stringing hits together through the first week of the season. When there are runners on base, St. Paul is batting .176 so far, while their opponents are hitting .264 with men on.

Roster Notes - INF Daniel Ozoria wsa transferred to Cedar Rapids, and RHP Jonathan Cheshire was transferred to Double-A Wichita on Sunday. INF Tzu-Wei Lin was also reinstated from the 7-Day IL.

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the season on Saturday 5-3 to Cleveland. Alex Colomé gave up a walk-off, two-run homer to Cesar Hernandez in the 10th inning to seal the game. Former Saint Rob Refsnyder went 1-3 with a run scored to push his average to .400 during his time in The Show this season.

# SAINTS VS INDIANAPOLIS

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.098 BA W/2O322
.121 BA W/ RISP333
14 27
4 HR 3
3 STEALS 0
4.89 ERA 2.56
51

#### **TEAM LEADERS**

Avg Tomas Telis274
Hits Tomas Telis - 17
RBI Ryan Jeffers - 11
Runs Jimmy Kerrigan - 7
Steals Nick Gordon - 5
HR 3 tied - 3
7117 0 1100 0
ERA Randy Dobnak - 3.3
K's 2 tied - 16

#### **AMONG LEAGUE LEADERS**

BB ----- Ian Hamilton - 9

BB Brent Rooker (2nd) - 17
SB Nick Gordon (T-6th) - 5
IP Andrew Albers (T-9th) - 19.0

#### **ACTIVE STREAKS**

Rob Refsnyder ---- 7G on-base streak (.424) Keon Broxton -- 15G Strikeout streak (27Ks) Nick Gordon ------ 8G on base streak (4.69) Jimmy Kerrigan ----- 6G hit streak (6-20/.300)

#### **UPCOMING PITCHING MATCHUPS**

OFF 5/24

5/25 @IOWA 6:38PM TBA v TBA 5/26 @IOWA 12:08PM TBA v TBA

# **TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER**

# **#48 GRIFFIN JAX**

W-L ERA G GS IP ER HR BB SO AVG WHIP 1-1 5.40 2021 3 15.0 9 11 .300

- In 2020, he did not see any professional action as he did not land on the 60-man player
- In 2019 he was a two-time Southern League Pitcher of The Week and a Mid-season All-Star, as well as being named "best control" in the Twins' minor league system by Baseball America after the season.
- Jax is a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve, and is due to be promoted 5 5/18 v Indianapolis SO 8 7/27/19 @ Jacksonville to Captain in May 2021. The righty is the sixth player to be drafted out of the academy. He is able to play baseball while serving in the Air Force through the Air Force's World Class Athlete Program.
- In 2016, he made four appearances out of the bullpen, but has started all but one game he's appeared in since, beginning with the 2017 season.
- He is the son of former NFL offensive lineman Garth Jax, who played for both Arizona
- Was originally drafted in 2013 by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 12th round after being named a Louisville Slugger HS 1st team All-American.
- Born James Griffin Jax, as his father is also James Garth Jax, both go by middle names. ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 3rd round of the 2016 First Year Player Draft

## **GAME HIGHS**

2021 CAREER

- 5.0 5/18 v Indianapolis **IP** 7.1 7/2/19 @ Jacksonville
  - 9 5/18 v Indianapolis **H** 11 8/1/19 v Birmingham
    - 7 5/18 v Indianapolis **R** 7 5/18 v Indianapolis
    - 7 5/18 v Indianapolis **ER** 7 5/18 v Indianapolis
    - 3 5/12 v Iowa **BB** 4 8/25/18 @ St. Lucie
- - -- -/- V ---**HR** 3 - 5/10/19 @ Mississippi
- 93 5/18 v Indianapolis **Pitches** 96 8/1/18 v Jupiter

	SP	LITS

2021		OAILLIL
1-1, 7.20	HOME	6-8, 3.27
0-0, 1.80	ROAD	5-6, 2.98

.259 AVG/ .656 OPS/0HR **vLHH** .274 AVG/.748 OPS/10HR .333 AVG/.880 OPS/0HR **vRHH** .241 AVG/.593 OPS/4 HR

#### GRIFFIN JAX GAME BY GAME LOG

DATE	OPP	RESULT	DEC	ΙP	Н	R/ER	SO	BB	HR	P/S	NOTES
5/7	@OM/	A L 4-2	ND (0-0)	5.0	4	1/1	2	3	0	82-50	STP 0-9 w/ RISP
5/12	IOWA	W 6-1	W (1-0)	5.0	5	1/1	4	3	0	93-56	Cubs 0-6 w/ RISP
5/18	INDY	L 7-3	L (1-1)	5.0	9	7/7	5	1	0	93-61	Gave up all 7 in 2nd/3rd

## **SAINTS HITTER NOTES**

OF

# 9 BROXTON, KEON

Last Series: 2-19, 2R, 2RBI, SF | Current Series: 2-17, 2B, R, SB, BB

- Spent most of the 2020 season at the Brewers alternate training site, reuiniting with them after spending 2016-18 with Milwaukee.
- Saw Big League action with 3 different teams in 2019, suiting up for the New York Mets before being traded to the Baltimore Orioles and then being claimed off waivers by the Seattle Mariners hitting a combined .167 for the season.
- Was a 20-20 player in the Majors in 2017 hitting .220/20/49 and stealing 21 bases. Broxton was 5th in speed at 29.4 ft/sec. 30 ft/sec is elite & average is 27.0 ft/sec
- Played 2B and SS at Lakeland HS. On that team was Evan Chambers (3rd round pick by Pirates in 2009 & passed away in 2013), Drew Hutchison (15th round pick out of HS in 2009, 98 Major League pitching appearances) & Chris Sale (13th overall pick in 2010 out of FGCU)
- Chose baseball at Santa Fe (FL) CC instead of a football scholarship at FAU, went on to reach the JUCO World Series in 2009, finishing as the runner-up

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Twins as a free agent on 2/2/21

# 13 DESCALSO, DANIEL INF

Last Series: 1-8, BB

Current Series: 0-13, R, 3BB

- Last played 82 games in 2019 with the Chicago Cubs.
- Set career highs in home runs (13), RBIs (57), walks (64) and total bases (152) in 2018 with the Arizona Diamonbacks. He was also 9th in the National League in sacrifice flies with seven.
- Spent 2017 with Arizona, posting 10 HRs, the only two seasons he's hit double-digit homers in his big league career.
- Spent the 2010-2014 seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals, winning a World Series in 2011. In the 2012 NLDS, he hit .316, propelling the Cardinals to the NLCS.
- Played in 13 MLB postseason series, hitting .226 in the playoffs, and hitting .231 in the World Series.

ACQUIRED: Signed by the Minnesota Twins to a minor league contract 5/13/21

## 8 ENCARNACION, YELTSIN INF

Last Series: 1-9, BB Current Series: 3-14, RBI

- Opened 2021 with High-A Cedar Rapids, hitting .308 with the Kernels and had 3 RBIs and has only struck out once in four games.
- Did not play in 2020 due to the cancellation of the minor league season.
- Split the majority of the 2019 season at Cedar Rapids and Fort Myers, before making a short appearance with Triple-A Rochester. Played in three games with the Red Wings, goign 5-11 (.455).
- In 2019 he also set career-highs with three home runs and 36 RBIs.
- Spent 2015-2018 playing rookie ball before getting the promotion to Cedar Rapids. He hit a career-high .318 in 2017 with the DSL Twins.

ACQUIRED: Signed by the Minnesota Twins as an undrafted free agent on 2/23/15

## GORDON, NICK IN

Last Series: 6-18, 3B, HR, 3R, 4RBI, 3SB, 2BB | Current Series: 5-10, 2R, 2SB, BB

- Became the first player in Twins' history to steal two bases in his big league debut, and just the 13th MLB player to do so since 1901.
- Was recalled from the Twins' Alternate Training Site on April 23, but did not appear in a game.
- Missed 2020 season due to an undisclosed injury, but was ranked the Twins' 16th best prospect by MLB.com.
- Spent the 2019 season with the Twins' Triple-A affiliate in Rochester. Hit .298 with 40 RBIs and hit .307 with 27 XBH against RHP. He also led the club in stolen bases with 14 and was second in 2B with 29.
- Half-brother is Dee Gordon (4th round pick by Dodgers in 2008 out
  of Seminole (FL) CC) and Dad is Tom "Flash" Gordon (6th round
  pick by the Royals in 1986 out of Avon Park (FL) HS). Tom played 23
  seasons of pro ball, 21 in the Majors (only 69 players have played
  more seasons) as a pitcher for eight different teams.
- Had committed to Florida State before being drafted by the Twins.
- Selected to the 2017 Futures Game in Florida, home of where his brother Dee played. Dee played in the Futures Game in 2010 (Dee and the Marlins were in San Francisco the day of the Futures Game)

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 1st round (5th overall) of the 2014 MLB Draft

# 27 JEFFERS, RYAN C

Last Series: 6-22, 2 2B, 2HR, 3R, 4RBI, 2BB | Current Series: 1-17, RBI, 3BB, SF

- Started the 2020 season at the Alternate Training Site in St. Paul, making his MLB debut on August 20th. He played 26 games wiith the Twins, batting .273 with three home runs and seven RBIs.
- He crushed left-handed pitching with Minnesota, hitting .300 with a .417 OBP.
- Going into 2020 he was fourth best Twins' prospect and and the best defensive catcher in the system by Baseball America. He caught the third-most games amongst rookie catchers in the majors with 25.
- Jeffers started in professional baseball on a tear in 2018 with Elizabethton, he played 28 games hitting .422 with a .543 OBP and a staggering 1.121 OPS.
- Among all Twins catchers with a minimum 150 innings caught at the major league level, Jeffers is third in catcher ERA at a 3.89. He is only behind Butch Wynegar with a 3.73 in 1976 and Joe Mauer with a 3.36 in 2004.

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 2nd round of the 2018 First Year Player Draft.

# 31 KERRIGAN, JIMMY OF

Last Series: 4-18, 2B, HR, 2R, 2RBI, 2BB | Current Series: 4-16, 2B, 2HR, 3R, 4RBI, BB

- Has made two appearances in Triple-A, making appearances in 2018 and 2019 with Triple-A Rochester. He's played a combined 24 games at the Triple-A level and hit a total .266 with seven home runs, six of which came in his 2019 stint.
- In 2018 he was named a Florida State League All-Star after hitting .281 in the first half of the season, which earned him a promotion to Double-A Chattanooga.
- Spent a season in the independent Frontier League in 2017.
   At the time that the Twins signed him from the River City
   Rascals, he led his team in hits, average, home runs, RBIs and doubles.
- After going undrafted in 2016, took an internship with a gym near Richmond, VA where he finished his college career at VCU. That led to contacts with independent league coaching staffs that kept his baseball career alive.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as un undrafted free agent on 7/26/17

## **SAINTS HITTER NOTES**

# 4 LIN, TZU-WEI IN

#### Last Series:

Current Series: 1-10, RBI, R

- Spent the first eight years of his career with the Boston Red Sox organization, making his first Opening Day roster in the 2020 season and spent the entire year with Boston.
- His first MLB start came against the Twins in 2017, where he singled off of José Berríos in his first plate appearance.
- A super-utility player, Lin appeared at every position on the diamond besides first and third base in 2020. He became the first player in Red Sox history to play both shortstop and catcher in the same game on 8/13/20.
- Over the course of his MLB career, he has played every position but first base.
- He played in 26 games with the Red Sox last season, batted .154 with 3 RBIs.
- After the 2019 season, he helped Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) win the Asian Baseball Championship, which was its first since 2001.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 11/19/20

## 56 PENA, ROBERTO

Last Series: 0-4 Current Series:

- Peña is on his fifth Triple-A team, having previously played on Fresno, Charlotte, Durham, Salt Lake and now St. Paul.
- Did not see any action in 2020, but did play in the Puerto Rican Winter League, which he has played in every off-season since 2011.
- Got an invite to Major League Spring Training in 2019 with the Los Angeles Angels.
- In 2015 he set a Corpus Christi Hooks record and led the Texas League by throwing out 49% of would-be base stealers.
- Was named an MiLB and Rawlings Gold Glove winner in 2014 with Adv.-A Lancaster who won the California League title. He threw out 56.5% of baserunners (52 of 92) which led the league.
- Was originally a shortstop in high school, but as he grew he needed to move to either third base or catcher. Upon testing his pop times, his first was 1.87 and had one as low as 1.76 and stuck with it since.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 3/13/21

#### 12 RIDDLE, JT INF/OF

Last Series: 3-21, 2B, 2R, BB

Current Series: 3-19, 2 2B, R, 2RBI

- Played 4 games with Minnesota already this season, gettting two hits in six plate appearances, while scoring a run
- Has played with two other big league clubs: Miami and Pittsburgh. He had spent the whole 2020 season with the Pirates, batting .149 with two doubles and a home run.
- A true utility man, spent time with Pittsburgh at: third base, shortstop, left, center and right field, as well as second base and an appearance at first base.
- Has played 85 games with Triple-A New Orleans (Miami), where he's batted .284 with ten home runs and 46 RBIs. In 2019 he had a career-high 10 doubles at Triple-A.

ACQUIRED: Signed as a minor league free agent on 12/21/20

## 19 ROOKER, BRENT OF

Last Series: 2-13, 2HR, 2R, 2RBI, 3BB

Current Series: 2-14, 2R, 2RBI, SF, 3BB

- Spent most of the 2020 season at the Alternate Training Site, then had his contract selected on September 4th.
- Got hit by a pitch in the right forearm that placed him on the IL and ended his season on September 12th.
- While with the Twins, he reached base safely in all seven games he played, and collected a hit in his final six games.
- Got his first invite to Spring Training before the 2019 season. He spent the year with Triple-A Rochester, and was named a midseason All-Star in the International League.
- Ranked the 12th best prospect in the Twins' system by MLB.com
- Played his college baseball at Mississippi State, where he won the Triple Crown in the SEC his junior season. He was also a finalist for the Dick Howser trophy for National Player of the Year after being named First Team All-SEC and SEC player of the year.
- He's a two-time Twins' draft pick, having been picked in the 38th round in 2016, but then picked again by Minnesota in 2017

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in Compensation Round A (35th overall) of the 2015 First Year Player Draft

# 2 RORTVEDT, BEN C

#### **Last Series:**

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**Current Series:** 

- Opened up the 2021 season with the Twins, playing in 12 games, hitting .160 with two RBIs.
- Ranked the 26th best prospect in the Twins' farm system by MLB.com in 2020.
- Earned his third straight invitation to Spring Training with the Twins prior to the 2021 season. In 2020, he was left off of the 60-man player pool.
- In 2019 he split time between Adv.-A Fort Myers and Double-A Pensacola where he put up a career-best seven home runs, five of which came in his first stint in Double-A.
- His season was cut short in 2019 when he sustained a left knee injury that ended his season on August 12th.
- The 2019 campaign also saw Rortvedt throw out 30 of 58 potential base-stealers between the two levels.

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 2nd round (56th overall) of the 2016 First Year Player Draft

# 18 TELIS, TOMAS

Last Series: 3-21, HR, 2RBI, 2R, 2BB | Current Series: 8-20, 2 2B, 3B, BB

- Spent the 2020 season at the Twins' Alternate Training Site.
  He was on the Taxi Squad several times during the season,
  and also remained with the club during several homestands
  to serve as a bullpen catcher.
- Had one of his best seasons at the plate in 2019, playing 82 games hitting .330 with 21 doubles, eight home runs and 46 RBIs leading to an .846 OPS.
- Has been on Triple-A rosters since 2014, spanning 441 games, and has a .308 average at Triple-A.
- Made the 2018 Opening Day roster with Miami, the first and only of his career.
- Signed back in 2007 with the Rangers as a shortstop before being converted to catcher full-time in 2009.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 11/29/19

# **SAINTS HITTER NOTES**

# 23 TOMSCHA, DAMEK INF

Last Series: 5-20, 2B, HR, 3R, 2RBI, BB | Current Series: 3-13, 2B, 2BB

- Started the 2021 season in Double-A with Wichita, where he's gone 4-16 with a double and three RBIs already.
- Played the 2020 season in the American Association with the Sioux Falls Canaries. He hit .320 with them, which was good for seventh in the league.
- A seven-year minor league veteran, Tomscha was originally a Phillies prospect from 2014-2019 when he was released by the Phillies and then signed by the White Sox organization.
- He's played 81 Triple-A games between Lehigh Valley and Charlotte, batting .205, but is a career .273 hitter.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 3/3/21

## **SAINTS BULLPEN**

PITCHER	LAST TIME OUT	IP	Н	R/ER	ВВ	SO	1ST BATTER RETIRED/FACED	RI/S	SV/OPP
Coulombe, Danny	5/21 v INDIANAPOLIS	1.1	2	1/1	0	2	5/6	4/0	1/2
Gibaut, lan	5/19 v INDIANAPOLIS	2.0	3	1/1	2	1	2/5	3/0	0/1
Hamilton, Ian	5/21 v INDIANAPOLIS	1.0	0	0/0	2	0	3/5	2/1	-/-
Hackimer, Tom	5/21 v INDIANAPOLIS	0.2	0	1/1	3	2	0/1	-/-	-/-
Law, Derek	5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS	1.1	3	2/2	1	2	2/2	1/0	-/-
Leyer, Robinson	5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS	0.1	0	0/0	1	0	4/6	3/1	0/1
Minaya, Juan	5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS	3.0	2	1/1	0	5	2/6	2/1	-/-
Thorpe, Lewis	5/16 v IOWA	2.0	0	0/0	1	1	2/2	0/0	-/-
Whalen, Rob	5/21 v INDIANAPOLIS	2.1	2	2/1	1	2	1/1	3/-	-/-
Vasquez, Andrew	5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS	1.1	1	1/1	1	2	5/6	3/0	-/-

26 **COULOMBE, DANNY** Relief Highs - IP: 3.0 H: 5 SO: 5 BB: 4

- Spent most of the 2020 season at the Alternate Training Site, had his contract selected on August 22nd and made two appearances with the Twins throwing 2.2 scoreless innings.
- Has spent parts of six of the last seven seasons on Major League rosters. He spent most of his time in the Bigs with Oakland, making 134 appearances with the A's over three seasons.
- The 2017 season called Coulombe's name 72 times with the A's. He was didn't allow a run in 57-of-72 games but pitched less than 1.0 IP in 42-of-72 outings.
- He was a two-time selection of the Los Angeles Dodgers draft pick. Once in the 17th round 2008, then opted for college and was picked again in the 25th round of the 2012 draft. Three years later, he was dealt to the A's.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 11/9/20

#### 57 **GIBAUT, IAN** RHP Relief Highs - IP: 3.0 H: 5 SO: 7 BB: 4

- Spent the 2020 season with the Texas Rangers. Had his contract selected on July 23rd. Was optioned to the Alternate Training Site in August while he led the team in appearances with 14.
- Allowed runs in just five of his 14 games, he held lefties to a .192 average, while righties faired a bit better, hitting .273 against him.
- Prior to his time with Texas, he was a member of the Tampa Bay Rays organization, where Baseball America ranked him the 18th best Rays' prospect after the 2018 season.
- During the 2018 campaign, he was named an International League All-Star with the Durham Bulls.
- Has had his run-ins with injuries, missing his junior season of HS and most of his sophomore year of college due to injury.

ACQUIRED: Claimed off of waivers from the Texas Rangers on 10/30/20

#### 38 **HACKIMER, TOM** RHP

Relief Highs - IP: 3.1 H: 4 SO: 5 BB: 4

- Did not play in 2020 due to the cancellation of the season.
- In 2019 he made his first appearance in Double-A with Pensacola. In 27 relief outings, he went 4-2 with a 3.27 ERA.
- Prior to his stop in Pensacola, he was with Adv-A Fort Myers, where he dominated the Florida State League. while there in 2019, he went 2-0 with a 0.59 ERA over 15.1IP. He only allowed three hits and one earned run in that stretch while his opponents had a .064 average against him.
- Pitched in college at St. John's, where he joined the team as a walk-on. He finished his career with the Red Storm as the programs all-time leader in saves with 36.

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 4th round of the 2016 First Year player draft.

44 HAMILTON, IAN Relief Highs - IP: 2.2 H: 6 SO: 5 BB: 3

- Has spent his whole playing career with the White Sox prior to suiting up in the Twins organization in the 2021 season. He was claimed off of waivers twice in the 2020 offseason, by Seattle in September and then Philadelphia in December.
- Made four appearances in 2020 with the White Sox. He pitched four innnings, giving up two earned runs. Prior to the 2020 season, was ranked as the White Sox #18
- prospect.
- In 2018, he was named the second best relief prospect in the White Sox' system behind Zach Burdi. He was also named a Southern League All-Star with Birmingham that season as well

ACQUIRED: Traded to the Minnesota Twins from the San Fransisco Giants on 2/4/21

54 LAW. DEREK RHP Relief Highs - IP: 3.2 H: 8 SO: 7 BB: 4

- Signed a minor league deal with Texas in January of 2020, was assigned to the Alternate Training Site where he spent the duration of the season.
- Was traded from San Francisco to Toronto in April of 2019, while with the Blue Jays, Law set major league career highs in saves (5), IP (60.2) and strikeouts (67).
- In the last three seasons he has stints at Triple-A with Sacramento and Buffalo, where he combined for 20 saves across the 2017-19
- Had spent the first eight years of his career in the Giants organization before bouncing to Toronto and then Texas.
- His father Joe was a pitcher in the Oakland A's organization from 1983-90, was called up for four days in 1988, but did not appear in a

game. ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 11/12/20

LEYER, ROBINSON Relief Highs - IP: 3.2 H: 6 SO: 6 BB: 4

- Made his major league debut in 2020 with the Boston Red Sox. It was a short-lived stint, only appearing in six games (one start), pitching a total of 4.2 innings and gave up eleven earned runs
- Spent the 2015-16 seasons with the Winston-Salem Dash and played with his brother Euclides, who is two years older than him.
- Had started nearly every game in the first five years of his career, but has made just two starts in the last four years, including one with the Boston Red Sox.
- Was named an All-Star in 2018 with Double-A Pensacola, while they were an affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Twins as a minor league free agent on 2/12/21

# **SAINTS BULLPEN**

## 32 MINAYA, JUAN RHP

#### Relief Highs - IP: 4.1 H: 7 SO: 9 BB: 4

- Spent the majority on the minor league side of Spring Training. Had his contract purchased in August, but did not appear in a game and was outrighted to the Alternate Training Site.
- Has made 125 career appearnaces in the majors over the last four season, all with the White Sox. In his time with Chicago he amassed a 6-4 record and a 3.93 ERA.
- In 2017 he had nine saves for the White Sox after collecting 12 saves over the course of the previous seven years.
- Has also had stints with Triple-A Charlotte in the last four seasons as well. He finished his Knights career with a 10-9 record out of the bullpen. In his total Triple-A career, he hasn't had a WHIP higher than 1 38

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 11/9/20

## 40 THORPE, LEWIS RHP

#### Relief Highs - IP: 5.2 H: 6 SO: 6 BB: 3

- One of eight Australian-born players to make debut with Twins.
- Has already pitched for the Twins in the 2021 season, appearing on 4/16 and 4/20 for a combined five innings. Between those two bigleague outings, he held his opposition to a .176 average.
- Made the Twins' 2020 Opening Day Roster out of Summer Camp, after he had originally been optioned during Spring Training.
- He appeared in seven total games for Minnesota, starting one. He finished the shortened season 0-1 with a 6.06 ERA.
- Received the 2018 Jim Rantz award for Twins' minor league pitcher of the year, being the second Australian to win that award (Liam Hendriks in 2011).
- He also pitched in the Futures game for the World Team in 2018 at Nationals Park and was named a Post-season All-Star with the Chattanooga Lookouts.

ACQUIRED: Signed with the Minnesota Twins as a minor league free agent on 7/12/12

## 55 VASQUEZ, ANDREW LHP

Relief Highs - IP: 3.1 H: 4 SO: 5 BB: 4

- Did not play in 2020 due to the cancellation of the season.
- Split the 2019 season across four levels: GCL, Double-A Pensacola, Triple-A Rochester and the Twins, making one appearance with the parent club.
- In his lone major league appearance in 2019, he did not record an out, facing three batters. He walked two of them and hit the other, giving up three earned runs in doing so.
- In 2018, he had nine outings with Minnesota. He pitched a total of five innings, giving up three earned runs, walking two and striking out seven.

ACQUIRED: Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 32nd round of the 2015 First Year Player Draft.

		S	AINTS MISC	LANEOUS STATS			
Miscella	aneous:		When Saints Score	Multi-Hit Games:			
Shutout	s for:	0	RUNS RECO	RD	2-hit: Gordon (5), Jeffers (4), Telis (4), Rooker (2), Tomscha (2), Broxton (1), Kerrigan (1), Kirilloff (1), Larnach (1), Peña (1), Refsnyder (1), Riddle (1), Wiel (1) 3-hit:		
Shutout	s against	0	0	0-0	4-hit: 5-hit:		
		0-2-1	1	0-3	6-hit:		
	-		_	1-2	Multi-RBI Games:		
		0	-	1-5	<b>2-RBI</b> : Jeffers (3), Kirilloff (1), Maggi (1), Refsnyder (1), Riddle (1), Rooker (1) <b>3-RBI</b> : Gordon (1), Larnach (1), Peña (1)		
Doubleh	neaders:	0-0-0		1-1	4-RBI: 5-RBI:		
Come fr	rom Behind victori	ies:2	-	0-0	J-KUI.		
High wa	ater mark:	1-1		1-0 0-0			
Low wat	ter mark:	6-11	′	1-0	Pitching:		
		11	_	0-0	Baserunning:		
	-			1-0	<u>baserunning.</u>		
	-	0	When Opp. Score:	. •	Fielding:		
Double	Plays vs	15	RUNS RECO	RD			
Errors: .		15		0-0	<u>Walkoffs</u>		
Balks:		1	1	2-0	Date/Player/Team/Opponent         Inning         Hit           5/6 / Merrell / OMA / @ OMA         Bot 11         Single		
		2	2	2-0	5/15 / Jeffers / STP / v IOWA Bot 9 Solo HR		
			13	1-0	5/19 / Kerrigan / STP / v INDY Bot 9 Single		
Longest	t L Streak:	3 (5/20-Current)	7	1-2			
			-	0-1			
				0-2			
				1-2			
				0-2			
				0-0			
			10+	0-1			
	Score By I	nning	Homeruns		Extra-Inning Record (0-2)		
		_	Saints	. 19			
1	9		Home	.12	5/6 L OMA 4-3 R 11		
2	8		Road				
3	2		Solo				
4	11		2-Run				
5	13	8	3-Run				
6	4		Grand Slam	0			
7	5	-	Opponents				
8	3	5	- ppo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	0			
9	3	12					
X	1	4					
^ Total	59	<del>4</del> 79					
TOLAI		18					
Catcher							
		tealing:0-7, 0%, 3 F aling: 2-7, 29%, 0 P					
Peña: Ru	unners Caught Ste	aling: 2-7, 29%, 0 P ealing: 0-2, 0%, 0 P	B, 7.71 ERA				
		-					
	<u>y Position:</u> rs (10), Telis (6), Pe	eña (1)					
1B: Telis	s (6), Tomscha (5),	Peña (2), Wiel (2),	Blankenhorn (1), Rooker (1)				
<b>2B</b> : Encarnacion (5), Descalso (4), Blankenhorn (2), Lin (2), Riddle (2), Telis (2) <b>SS</b> : Riddle (9), Gordon (8)							
3B: Tom	scha (6), Maggi (5)	), Riddle (3), Desc					
LF: Rool	ker (8), Broxton (3)	), Riddle (3), Kerrig	an (1), Kirilloff (1), Refsnyder				
	xton (9), Kerrigan ( oker (5), Kerrigan (4		snyder (3), Larnach (2)				
			scalso (1), Kirilloff, Larnach (1), Rook	ker (1)			

## **SAINTS MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

Saints Offense:

Most Runs Game: 10, 5/5 @ OMA Most Runs Inning: 6, 5/8 @ OMA (4th) Most Hits Game: 12, 5/5 @ OMA Fewest Hits Game: 2, 5/11 v IOWA

Most HRs, Game, Team: 3, 2x, 5/5 @ OMA (Larnach, Refsnyder, Rooker); 5/12 v IOWA (Jeffers, Kerrigan, Rooker)

Most HRs, Game, Individual: 1, 17x - Last: Kerrigan, 5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS

Most RBI, Game, Individual: 3, 3x Larnach, 5/5 @ OMA; Peña, 5/8 @ OMA; Gordon 5/14 v IOWA

Most Hits, Game, Individual: 2, 26x, Last: Gordon 5/22 v INDY Most SBs, Game, Team: 3, 5/12 v IOWA (Gordon, Riddle, Telis)

Most SBs, Game, Individual: 1, 12x, Last: Gordon, 5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS

Grand Slams:

Longest Hitting Streak: 5 games, Refsnyder, 5/5-5/11; Telis, 5/16-5/22

#### Opponents Offense:

Most Runs Game: 11, 5/11 v IOWA Most Runs Inning: 8, 5/16 v IOWA (9th) Most Hits Game: 14, 5/8 @ OMA

Fewest Hits Game: 5, 2x, Last: 5/15 v IOWA

Most HRs, Game: 4, 5/4 @ OMA Most SBs, Game Team: 3, 5/15 v IOWA

#### Saints Pitching

Most SOs, Team: 15, 5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS

Most Walks, Team: 8, 5/11 v IOWA Most Errors, Team: 3, 5/7 @ OMA

Most SOs, Individual: 6, 2x, Andrew Albers, 5/4 @ OMA; Jhoan Duran, 5/22 v INDIANAPOLIS

Most Walks, Individual: 5, Randy Dobnak, 5/11 v IOWA

Complete Games:

#### Opponents Pitching

Most SOs, Team: 19, 5/6 @ OMA Most Walks, Team: 10, 5/8 @ OMA Most Errors, Team: 2, 5/5 @ OMA

#### Miscellaneous

Longest Game Time (9 inn.): 3:36, 5/8 @ OMA (52 min delay) Shortest Game Time (9 inn.): 2:37, 5/19 v INDIANAPOLIS

Longest Game Time (7 inn.): 2:20, 5/8 @ OMA Shortest Game Time (7 inn.): 2:20, 5/8 @ OMA

Longest Extra-Inning Game: 4:04 (10 innings), 5/21 v INDIANAPOLIS

## **SAINTS PLAYER TRANSACTIONS**

- 5/4 DELETE INF Nick Gordon recalled by Minnesota
- 5/5 DELETE C Caleb Hamilton assigned to Wichita
- 5/5 ADD LHP Brandon Waddell optioned to St. Paul
- 5/6 DELETE LHP Devin Smeltzer recalled by Minnesota
- 5/6 ADD LHP Lewis Thorpe optioned to St. Paul
- 5/7 ADD OF Jimmy Kerrigan promoted to St. Paul
- 5/7 DELETE OF Trevor Larnach contract selected by Minnesota
- 5/8 DELETE RHP Derek Law contract selected by Minnesota
- 5/8 ADD RHP Cody Stashak optioned to St. Paul
- 5/8 DELETE INF Travis Blankenhorn Designated for Assignment
- 5/9 DELETE INF Tzu-Wei Lin placed on 7-day IL (right oblique strain)
- 5/9 DELETE INF Zander Wiel placed on 7-day IL (right quad strain)
- 5/10 DELETE INF Drew Maggi placed on 7-day IL (right hip flexor strain)
- 5/11 ADD INF Yelstin Encarnacion promoted from Cedar Rapids
- 5/11 ADD INF Daniel Ozoria promoted from Fort Myers
- 5/11 ADD INF Damek Tomscha promoted from Wichita
- 5/11 ADD INF Nick Gordon optioned to St. Paul
- 5/11 DELETE RHP Shaun Anderson recalled by Minnesota
- 5/13 ADD INF Daniel Descalso assigned to St. Paul
- 5/15 DELETE OF Rob Refsnyder contract selected by Minnesota
- 5/18 DELETE RHP Bailey Ober called up by Minnesota
- 5/18 DELETE RHP Cody Stashak recalled by Minnesota
- 5/18 DELETE RHP Glenn Sparkman released from contract
- 5/18 ADD RHP Tom Hackimer promoted from Wichita
- 5/19 ADD OF Alex Kirilloff sent to St. Paul on MLR
- 5/20 DELETE LHP Lewis Thorpe recalled by Minnesota
- 5/21 ADD LHP Lewis Thorpe optioned to St. Paul
- 5/21 ADD RHP Derek Law sent outright to St. Paul
- 5/21 ADD RHP Rob Whalen promoted from Wichita
- 5/21 ADD LHP Lewis Thorpe optioned to St. Paul
- 5/22 ADD C Ben Rortvedt optioned to St. Paul
- 5/22 ADD RHP Bailey Ober optioned to St. Paul
- 5/22 DELETE INF Daniel Ozoria transferred to Cedar Rapids
- 5/22 DELETE RHP Jonathan Cheshire transferred to Wichita
- 5/22 ADD INF Tzu-Wei Lin reinstated from injured list

## **Total Transactions:**

May: 34 June: July:

August: September:

Saints Promoted to MLB: 6

SAINTS GAME BY GAME										
Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Place	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Game time		
5/4	@OMA	L, 8-2	0-1	T-5th (1.0 GB)	Kowar (1-0)	Albers (0-1)	-	2:41		
5/5	@OMA	W, 10-4	1-1	T-3rd (1.0 GB)	Barnes (1-0)	Hernández (0-1)	-	3:06		
5/6	@OMA	L, 4-3 (11)	1-2	T-5th (1.5 GB)	Sotillet (1-0)	Coulombe (0-1)	-	3:58		
5/7	@OMA	L, 4-2	1-3	T-6th (2.0 GB)	Vines (1-0)	Minaya (0-1)	-	3:14		
5/8	@OMA	W, 8-2	2-3	6th (2.5 GB)	Anderson (1-0)	Kalish (0-1)	-	3:36		
5/9	@OMA	L, 6-1 (7)	2-4	6th (2.5 GB)	Kowar (2-0)	Gibaut (0-1)	-	2:20		
5/11	IOWA	L, 11-1	2-5	7th (3.5 GB)	Biagini (1-1)	Dobnak (0-1)	-	3:18		
5/12	IOWA	W, 6-1	3-5	5th (2.5 GB)	Jax (1-0)	Holmes (0-1)	-	2:54		
5/13	IOWA	L, 7-3	3-6	7th (3.0 GB)	Abbott (1-1)	Shepherd (0-1)	-	3:04		
5/14	IOWA	W, 4-3	4-6	5th (2.5 GB)	Albers (1-1)	Stewart (0-1)	Coulombe (1)	3:06		
5/15	IOWA	W, 2-1	5-6	5th (2.0 GB)	Minaya (1-1)	Stock (0-1)	-	3:02		
5/16	IOWA	L, 8-3	5-7	5th (3.0 GB)	Meisinger (1-0)	Gibaut (0-2)	-	3:27		
5/18	INDIANAPOLIS	L, 7-3	5-8	5th (3.5 GB)	Sulser (2-0)	Jax (1-1)	-	3:10		
5/19	INDIANAPOLIS	W, 3-2	6-8	5th (3.5 GB)	Minaya (1-0)	Spitzbarth (2-1)	-	2:37 (1:08)		
5/20	INDIANAPOLIS	L, 7-3	6-9	5th (3.5 GB)	Yajure (1-1)	Albers (1-2)	-	2:47		
5/21	INDIANAPOLIS	L, 6-4 (10)	6-10	6th (4.5 GB)	Gustave (1-0)	Whalen (0-1)	-	4:04		
5/22	INDIANAPOLIS	L, 5-1	6-11	6th (5.5)	De Jong (2-0)	Minaya (1-2)	-	2:56		